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1. On the evening of 5 November 1948, the following Russian citizens arrived at Taranto, Italy:
  - a. Costantine Vassiliev: father's name Vasili; mother's name, Antonina (family name, unknown); born at Moscow, 5 June 1912; bearer of identity card no. 1241, dated 27 October 1947, issued by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome; and
  - b. Marko Konnov: father's name, unknown; mother's name, Natalia (family name, unknown); born at Moscow, 20 January 1917; bearer of passport no. 32519, dated, 12 May 1948, issued at Moscow.
2. On the morning of 6 November 1948, they visited the Tosi shipyard and negotiated for the purchase of a floating dock. On 7 November 1948, at 6:32 a.m., they left for Rome. It is reliably reported that they are also to go to La Spezia.
3. During their brief stay at Taranto, they had contacts with the well known persons, Hon. Giuseppe La Torre and Paolo Moschelli, as well with a certain Ferri (fma), Communist worker in the Tosi shipyard, married to the Russian citizen, Lina Tatar.
4. On the following days, 9, 11, 12, and 13 November 1948, meetings took place at the Taranto Communist Federation. At the first meeting, on 9 November 1948, three petty officers of the Navy, in uniform, and two non-commissioned officers, in civilian clothes, took part. At the meeting of 12 November 1948, at which Moschelli took part, it allegedly was decided to constitute five sabotage squads.

Comment: It is believed that the two sequences of events might have related. An investigation of the above report, while confirming the exactness of facts reported, did not demonstrate any relationship between them.

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It is [REDACTED] that the groups constituted probably were designed to prevent a possible sabotaging of the vessels to be consigned by Italy to Russia under the Treaty, and further, that the contact made by the above named Russians with Partito Comunista Italiano (PCI) leaders was designed to exploit the local PCI intelligence network, for the purpose of obtaining information as to the state of Italian naval units.)

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